

House Bill 862

By: Representatives Rogers of the 15th, Murphy of the 14th, Post 2, Knox of the 14th, Post 1, Franklin of the 17th, Hill of the 16th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Cherokee County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga.
2 L. 1996, p. 4427), as amended, so as to authorize the court to charge a technology fee for
3 each civil case filed and each criminal fine imposed; to specify the uses to which said
4 technology fees may be put; to provide conditions for an automatic repeal; to provide an
5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the State Court of Cherokee County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996,
9 p. 4427), as amended, is amended by designating the current provisions of Section 14 as
10 subsection (a) thereof and adding a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b) The clerk of the State Court of Cherokee County shall be entitled to charge and collect
12 a technology fee to be set by the court, not to exceed \$5.00 for the filing of each civil action
13 and not to exceed \$5.00 as a surcharge to each fine paid. Technology fees shall be used
14 exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the court as follows: computer
15 hardware and software purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation; and imaging,
16 scanning, facsimile, communications, projection, and printing equipment and software
17 purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation. The funds collected pursuant to this
18 authorization shall be maintained in a segregated fund by the clerk of court and shall be
19 used only for the purposes authorized in this subsection at the direction of the judges of the
20 court."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall be automatically repealed on July 1, 2006, unless repealed earlier pursuant to
23 Section 3 of this Act.

